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Club Calendar

Tuesday, June 28 Seymour Berkson reports on Big Four - Cocktails 6, dinner.

Wednesday, June 29 - Board of Governors meeting. 7 p.m. dinner will be available during the meeting.

Thursday, June 30 - Luncheon: David McDonald, President, United Steel Workers of America.

Wednesday, July 6 - U Nu, Burma Premier, press conference. 6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 7 - Clare Booth Luce (members only).

BIGGER BANG AT THE BAR

The size of a shot of liquor will be upped from an ounce and one quarter to an ounce and three quarters for a test period of three months, the Board of Governors decided at its meeting last week.

The bar rule will take effect on July 5. In addition to increasing the size of drinks, the Board decided further to install a "Press Club Shorty"--a one-ounce drink to sell for 50 cents. Prices for the new larger size will remain unchanged.

The new drinks will apply only to the bar, dining room, and Club-sponsored parties. Private parties will have the old size drinks.

The board adopted the new procedures on the request of the House Operations Committee, which was represented at the meeting by Chairman Wayne Richardson.

The new rules apply to highballs, shots, etc., but not to cocktails, Richardson said.

NEW COMMITTEE

Josef C. Dine, chairman of the Club's Public Relations Committee, announces that his committee for the coming year will include Jean Bear, Maxwell C. Fox, Barry Holloway, Lawrence Hoover, Mrs. Lee Jaffe, Larry Lowenstein, Andrew Weil and Louis Weintraub.



JOHN GRAHAM DOWLING

OPC RADIO - TV SHOW FROM SAN FRANCISCO

The OPC staged the second in a series of nation-wide radio and television shows over the National Broadcasting Company this Sunday (June 26) from San Francisco on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the United Nations.

V. Krishna Menon, Head of the Permanent Mission of India to the UN, was guest of honor. Harold Stassen, Assistant to President Eisenhower in charge of Disarmament, was guest of honor on the Club's first program.

Originating live from studios near the UN Conference, this week's program was heard coast to coast at 3:30-4:00 PM DST on the NBC Television Network, and from 6:00-6:30 PM DST on the NBC Radio Network. Time was furnished through the cooperation of Theodore Granik and his "American Forum of the Air". Granik has an arrangement with the Club for the production and sale of the special OPC pub-

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CLUB SADDENED BY NEWS OF DOWLING'S DEATH IN PLANE CRASH

The tragic news of the death of John Graham Dowling, Time magazine bureau chief in Buenos Aires, in a plane crash in Paraguay June 16 came as a shock to his fellow members and friends of the OPC.

Dowling, who was a member of the club and a veteran foreign correspondent despite his relative young age, becomes the 84th member of the overseas press to be listed in the memorial library roster of those who gave their lives while serving the press.

Dowling, who had been stationed in Argentina since last March, was on his way from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Argentina after covering a story in the wilds of Paraguay. The story concerned an American, Clarence Johnson, who was opening up a coffee plantation development.

On Thursday morning, the 16th, he boarded a *Panair do Brasil* Constellation which was nearing the end of a 6,800 mile flight from London to Buenos Aires. The plane shortly thereafter cracked up at the village of Cuatro Mojones before letting down at the capital of Paraguay, Asuncion. Fourteen died in the crash while ten escaped. Dowling was one of those who failed to escape.

The irony of Dowling's death, in the view of his many friends of the foreign press corps, was that he had challenged death on many previous occasions in hair-raising performances during and after the war. He had jumped with the paratroops in the Pacific during World War II for instance.

But his death came on a routine peaceful story.

Dowling was the son of famed Broadway actor Eddie Dowling. He left Notre Dame University in 1936 to become a cub reporter on the Chicago Times, later

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PARIS LUNCHEON

Paris - Wythe Williams, OPC emissary to the recent French press conclave, arranged a luncheon for OPCers in the city on June 18 at the Hotel Claridge, Curt Heymann reports. About twelve of the twenty members attended.

People & Places

Merrill Mueller, NBC radio executive, leaves New York next month for Rome, where he will be chief of bureau for NBC and a roving correspondent in Europe for the network... Walter Henry Nelson has authored a piece on Red propagandists in Hungary, told through him by "Margit Szilagyi" in the June 25 Satevpost... Mary Johnson Tweedy (Mrs. Gordon) of Time, Inc., is the mother of a third daughter born May 2 at Doctor's Hospital, New York... Wallace A. Ross has been elected vice-president of Box-office Television, production firm of closed circuit telecasts... Ed Hymoff, of NBC, and Real magazine's contributing editor on military affairs back from a three week tour of U.S. air bases... Weldon James, off on a spring lecture tour after his travels in Africa and Europe for The Louisville Courier-Journal, expects to vacation in Michigan after filling his 23rd booking next week.. Frank Miles, Des Moines public relations counsel, who was correspondent for the national American Legion publications during World War II, was recently awarded a plaque for flying more than 150,000 miles by United Air Lines... Lewis B. Sebring, Jr., formerly with the New York Herald Tribune, and Mrs. Sebring, have returned from a seven-week trip to Europe, and are planning a series of informal travel lectures for the fall and winter... Irving R. Levine, NBC news commentator, has just returned from a one week news-gathering tour through Western Canada... Spencer Williams is on a West Coast trip, speak-

ing to Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles audiences on Radio Liberation's work... Norbert Muhlen, en route to Europe, author of a Satevpost story "The World's Worst Women", reports a TV dramatization is scheduled for a Reader's Digest story he co-authored with Fred Sondern... Sydney Moseley, writing from England to thank the club for his Founder and Life membership card, reports he has been elected vice president of the Newspaper Press Fund of Britain... Pat and Dick Hartwell recently entertained the former owner of the club building, Miss Ruth Stillman, at lunch at the club... Jack Lei Vien was married to Miss Blanca Maria De Paolis on Friday, June 10... Fannie Hurst was a recent speaker at the American Woman's University Club in Washington... WOR-Mutual's Henry Gladstone off via KLM for a series of reports and interviews in Europe and coverage of the Geneva conference for Mutual, returning July 25... The Jackson and Perkins Co. of Newark, N.Y. is naming a purple floribunda rose after club member Amy Vanderbilt at special ceremonies at its rose festival this week... Lionel Holmes, chief of McGraw-Hill World News in Brazil for the past three years, sailed for home on the "Brazil" and will be at the Park Sheraton Hotel after July 5. Peter Weaver, of McGraw Hill's Business Week staff, will fly to Rio July 8 to take over the bureau... Tom Mahoney has an article on Cal Rodgers, first aviator to fly across the U.S., in June's Coronet...

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Preliminary figures in May reveal a decline in net profit for club operations to \$1240 from \$2680 in April, according to the monthly report from the club treasurer, *C. Wilfred May*.

Mr. May explains that this is largely due to lower profits from food and beverage operations combined with an increase in reapportioned expenses including outlay for an improved Bulletin and its efficient mailing. May further reported that the balance sheet showed the club to be in a very strong financial position, and that the semi-annual membership dues are coming in satisfactorily.

CLUB SADDENED

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worked for the Newark Star-Ledger and in 1941 joined the newly-formed Chicago Sun and became a star war correspondent of that paper and wrote innumerable banner headline stories.

While on home leave at war's end, John married a young lady working for the Sun, Pat Schafer, and they have a son, age two.

In 1950 he joined TIME and set up Time's southeast Asia bureau, becoming its chief. For three years, he sent in dispatches on troubled southeast Asia and did the spot cover stories on General DeLattre and General Lavarre of Indo-China and General Templer of Malaya.

The greatest tribute to Dowling was expressed by one of his colleagues of war years, who said simply, "There was a boy who was a foreign correspondent in every sense of the word."

OPC RADIO - TV SHOW (Ctd. fr. p. 1)

lic service show, "International Spotlight."

Pauline Frederick, now covering the UN deliberations for NBC, acted as moderator. To give the show a unique Club character, NBC used a king-size facsimile of the honor roll of OPC memorial heroes displayed permanently in the library of the Club.

To lend dramatic impact to the presence of Krishna Menon, the OPC invited Capt. Harold Fischer, one of the four American fliers whom the Indian delegate helped to free from the Chinese Communists through personal intercession with Mao Tze Tung, to appear on the program.



CLARE BOOTH LUCE

(Time-Life Photo)

Clare Booth Luce, U.S. Ambassador to Italy, will speak at a luncheon at the club July 7, under tentative plans being formulated by *Cornelius Ryan*, program committee chairman.

Mrs. Luce, who will be in the States for an extended visit, will speak off-the-record to club members. Attendance at the luncheon will be limited to members only and no guests will be invited.

OVERSEAS TICKER CORRESPONDENTS -- ATTENTION!

Dave Murray, Bulletin editor, reports that complaints are being received the bulletin is failing to keep up with activities of the foreign correspondents abroad.

He states that the only way we can get such reports is to have members overseas write them.

He would like immediate reports from *Robert Benjamin* in Mexico City, *Barbara Wace* in London and *Curt Heymann* in Paris. He needs these by July 1 for the following issue of the Bulletin.

Further, he issues a call for volunteers in other overseas points to file periodic reports on their areas. Points needed are Buenos Aires (what about Herbert Clark or Fred Strozier), Hongkong, Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro, Bombay, Rome, Cairo, and Moscow.

Please step forward. The international character of the Bulletin must not be lost.

MARINE REUNION

Washington - Third Marine Division veterans are meeting this weekend for their first reunion since World War II, according to *Milburn McCarthy*.



(Time-Life Photo)

Premier U Nu of Burma, shown during a lighter moment in his own land, is scheduled to hold a press conference at the Overseas Press Club during his forthcoming visit to this country.

The conference, open to all OPC members, is slated for 6 p.m. on July 6 and is expected to be of an hour's duration.

The affair has been arranged by Larry Lowenstein, chairman of the committee.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE

Florence Brobeck, Own publicity business, free lance writer. N.Y. Herald Tribune (women's ed. 1921 through 1927); McCall's (1927 through 1929); Sweden, Germany, Czechoslovakia; Farrell Publications, 1934-1939; Women's Editor, American Weekly, 1939-1945. Proposed by *Joseph Peters*.

Richard P. Coffin, N.Y. Theatre Critics' Reviews; N.Y. Herald, Paris, 1930-1934; Intransigent and also Illustration, Paris, 1934-36; Petit Journal, Paris 1936-1938. Proposed by *Joseph Willicombe*.

Ann Cutler, Free lance writing. July 15 - Oct. 18, 1952 covered stories for Colliers, American Weekly, Cosmopolitan, Travel and National Geographic. Author of "I Found My Life". Proposed by *Charles Robbins*.

Malcom M. Johnson, Robinson-Hannagan Assoc., Inc. Staff Reporter N.Y. Sun, Sept. 24, 1928 to Jan. 3, 1950; War correspondent for The Sun in Pacific, Jan. 1925 to Dec. 1945; Staff Correspondent, N.Y. and Overseas, 1950 to 1954. Proposed by *Grace Naismith*.
Phil Klarnet, Vice-Pres., Edward Gottlieb & Associates, Ltd. Copy Editor, Office of War Information, Cable-Wireless Desk (N.Y.) 1942-1944; Press Chief, U.S. Information Service, Brussels, Belgium, Jan-Aug. 1945. Proposed by *Jack Winocour*.

Henry La Cossitt, Free lance writer. Free lance, West Indies and South America (special assignments for Frederic J. Haskin Service, Washington, D. C.,

Jan. 1926 - May 1926 -- North Africa, Near East, Southern Europe, Sept. 1926 - December 1926. For Readers' Digest: Europe, May 1951 - July 1951; for Saturday Evening Post, Puerto Rico, Jan. - Nov. 1954; Editor, Collier's, May, 1944-July 1946. Proposed by *Lawrence G. Blochman*.

Harry Joseph McDevitt, Jr., Staff member, News Bureau, General Electric Company, U.S. Marine Correspondent, 1944-1946. Covered stories in Panama, Nicaragua, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Brazil and San Blas Islands. Proposed by *George F. Burns*.

Harold Pratt, Crowell-Collier Publishing Co. Stars and Stripes, France, 1918-1919; Free lance photographer, Peace Conferences, also Warsaw-Byalostok, 1919-1920; Crowell-Collier since 1920. Proposed by *Bill Davidson*.

ASSOCIATE

Janet Laib, Public Relations Director, C. F. Hathaway & Co. - Seventeen Magazine 1947; American Druggist, 1949-1950; Free lance - Elle, Junior Bazaar, Seventeen, Today's Woman, 1951-1952; Various assignments in Europe; Detroit News; This Week; Pageant - 1952-1953. Proposed by *Irwin Forman*.

H. Cranston Lawton, Jr., Supervisor, News Bureau, Aetna Life Affiliated Companies. City Staff of Boston Herald, Mass., 1940-1947; Managing Editor, Natick Tribune, Natick, Mass., July to Nov., 1948. Proposed by *Joe Willicombe*.
Cdr. Nelson Trimble Levings, P.I.O.

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- 7th Fleet - 1944 through 1945 in the Pacific; Public Information officer - U.S.N.R. Proposed by *Russell F. Anderson*.

Draper Lewis, NBC - Writer-Producer. American Forces Network - Nov. 1947, Nov. 1949, Frankfurt, Germany. Proposed by *Gloria Draper*.

Gershon Swet, U.N. Correspondent of "Maariv" Tel Aviv (since 1949) and steady contributor to "Novoye Russkoye Slovo", the Hebrew weekly, "Hadoar", all in New York; also for the "Jewish Daily Forward", etc. Proposed by *Louis P. Lochner*.

Mary C. Voss, Free lance. Associated Press, Jan. 1945 to May 1953; Chicago Herald-Examiner, 1932-34, domestic and foreign. Proposed by *Kathleen McLaughlin*.

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